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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - TWA AND SEAMAN'S DISCOUNT

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1. FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT CAB POLICY WITH RESPECT TO
FARES CHARGED FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION OF SHIPS' CREWS:

QUOTE. WHERE SPECIAL FARES OR RATES ARE ESTABLISHED PUR-
SUANT TO THE ORDER OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVOLVING AIR
TRANSPORTATION THE COST OF WHICH IS NOT PAID FOR BY THAT
GOVERNMENT, US CARRIERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH COM-
PETITIVE FARES FOR ON-LINE SERVICES AND FOR CONNECTING
SERVICES PROVIDED WITH OTHER CARRIERS. END QUOTE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN 1971, BOARD DISAPPROVED IATA
RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED SPECIAL FARES FOR
THE TRANSPORTATION OF SHIPS' CREWS OVER THE ATLANTIC.

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BOARD REASONED THAT SUCH FARES WOULD BE UNDULY DISCRIMIN-

ATORY. HOWEVER, BOARD DECIDED TO ALLOW US CARRIERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANSPORTATION OF SHIPS' CREWS BY CHARGING COMPETITIVE SPECIAL FARES WHERE SUCH TRAVEL WAS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO AN ORDER FROM A GOVERNMENT. THE BOARD REASONED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE FARES BY GOVT

ORDER MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF DISADVANTAGING ANY US CARRIER COMPETING FOR TRAFFIC MOVING OVER ITS ROUTES.

2. AS FOR QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTTEL, ABOVE PARA INDICATES IATA REGULATIONS ARE IRRELEVANT AS TO TWA'S RIGHT TO CARRY SHIPS' CREWS AT SPECIAL RATES. PROVIDED THERE IS A GOVT ORDER, TWA MAY ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE FARES TO CARRY CREWS ON ANY SEGMENTS OF ROUTES IT SERVES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT ENGAGES IN DIRECT SERVICE TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. US AUTHORITIES ALSO DO NOT AGREE WITH SWEDISH POSITION THAT ONLY CARRIERS OPERATING UNDER BILATERAL TO AND FROM SWEDEN MAY COMPETE FOR GOVT-ORDERED TRANSPORTATION OF SHIPS' CREWS. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES. INGERSOLL

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